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HOUSE BILL 572

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR FACULTY INFORMATION  
IN THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION;  
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-1-26.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 2, as amended) is amended to  
read:

"21-1-26.7. ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.--

A. The higher education department shall submit an  
annual accountability report to the governor and to the  
legislature by December 31. Prior to publication, the  
department shall distribute a draft of the accountability  
report to all public post-secondary educational institutions  
and shall allow comment upon the draft report.

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1           B. The department in consultation with ~~[the]~~ each  
2 public post-secondary educational institution shall develop and  
3 adopt the content and a format for the report, including the  
4 following information:

5                   (1) student progress and success;

6                   (2) student access and diversity;

7                   (3) affordability and cost of educational  
8 services; ~~[and]~~

9                   (4) public and community service by the  
10 ~~[institutions]~~ institution; and

11                   (5) faculty diversity, orientation,  
12 evaluation, compensation and benefits practices, including:

13                           (a) number and percentage of part-time  
14 and full-time faculty by ethnicity and gender;

15                           (b) number of vacant positions posted,  
16 average number of applicants for each position and percentage  
17 of applicants interviewed for full-time and part-time faculty  
18 positions;

19                           (c) percentage of full-time and  
20 percentage of part-time faculty receiving an annual performance  
21 evaluation that includes peer review and a meeting with a  
22 supervisor;

23                           (d) list of dates and locations for  
24 formal orientation sessions for full-time faculty and a list of  
25 dates and locations for formal orientation sessions for part-

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1 time faculty;

2 (e) per-credit-hour pay rate for full-  
3 time instructors or lecturers and per-credit-hour pay rate for  
4 part-time faculty;

5 (f) percent salary increase for full-  
6 time faculty and percent salary increase for part-time faculty;  
7 and

8 (g) description of the institution's  
9 policy for offering benefits to full-time faculty and to part-  
10 time faculty.

11 C. The department shall make no funding  
12 recommendation, capital outlay recommendation, distribution or  
13 certification on behalf of any public post-secondary  
14 educational institution that has not submitted the information  
15 required pursuant to this section."

16 Section 2. APPROPRIATIONS.--

17 A. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is  
18 appropriated from the general fund to the higher education  
19 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to distribute to  
20 the public post-secondary educational institutions so that the  
21 institutions may begin to phase in part-time faculty  
22 compensation rates that on a per-credit-hour basis equal those  
23 of full-time instructors or lecturers.

24 B. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated  
25 from the general fund to the higher education department for

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1 expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to distribute to the public  
2 post-secondary educational institutions so that the  
3 institutions may begin to phase in the provision of group  
4 insurance benefits for part-time faculty.

5 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
6 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general  
7 fund.

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